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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed February 4, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

A1 1 (currently amended). A method of joining a first metal to a surface of a second metal at a region susceptible to stress corrosion cracking, comprising welding said first metal to said surface of said second metal under conditions of low heat input to achieve reduced thermal sensitization, wherein said first metal is cladding and said second metal is a component of a nuclear reactor.

2. deleted without prejudice /